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MOUNT MORRIS MAN INDICTED FOR PRODUCTION, RECEIPT, AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND FACES UP TO 50 YEARS ON PRODUCTION CHARGE

RE: UNITED STATES v. STEPHEN C. FORSHEE

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today a seven-count Indictment, charging STEPHEN C. FORSHEE, age 22, of Mount Morris, NY, with two counts of production of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a), carrying a maximum penalty of imprisonment for not less than 25 years and not more than 50 years, a fine of \$250,000 and a term of supervised release up to life; four counts of knowing receipt of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2)(B), carrying a maximum penalty of imprisonment for not less than 15 years and not more than 40 years, a fine of \$250,000 and a term of supervised release up to life; and one count of knowing possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B), carrying a maximum penalty of imprisonment for not less than 10 years and not more than 20 years, a fine of \$250,000 and a term of supervised release up to life.

It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. **(Disciplinary Rule 7-107(B)(6)).**

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee stated that the Indictment charges the defendant with inducing, coercing, persuading and using a minor under the age of eighteen years of age to produce sexually explicit photographs, which photographs were thereafter transmitted through the Internet. This conduct occurred on two separate occasions, once in October 2004 and once in August 2005.

The Indictment further charges the defendant with possessing images of child pornography and with the knowing receipt of images of child pornography. As alleged in the Indictment, on or about August 22, 2005, the defendant received at least 3 separate files of child pornography that had been shipped through interstate and foreign commerce. One file was entitled "pedo-pedofilia - 10 yo forced sex.mpg."

Forshee was arraigned in United States District Court yesterday and remains in custody in Livingston County on a probation violation.

The Indictment was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Smith, and the Livingston County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff John M. York.